

In the Claims:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Previously Presented) A beam as claimed in claim 4 wherein the appendix is secured to the ends of the beam by riveting.

3. (Previously Presented) A beam as claimed in claim 4 wherein the appendix is formed in one piece with the beam.

4. (Currently Amended) An inverted T-beam comprising:

two ends and a central web;

at least one of said beam's ends having an appendix formed from two portions of a different height, a first inner portion extending into a second outer portion, said outer portion having a lesser height and being bent to a substantial V-shape comprising two parts of different length forming two rectilinear legs joined by a rounded portion of said substantial V-shape, a first part of said two parts being coplanar with the first portion and a second part of said two parts having a free end and comprising a tooth having a free end, the free end of the tooth substantially facing the end of the first portion, ~~the free end of the second part projecting beyond the free end of the tooth having a length greater than the first part~~, and

at least one aperture in the central web having a height substantially corresponding to the height of said outer portion of the appendix.

5. (Currently Amended) An inverted T-beam comprising
a central web having two ends,
an appendix extending from one of said ends, said appendix comprising

a first portion and a second portion, together forming a V-shape,

a tooth ~~extending~~ struck from said second portion, said tooth extending away from said first portion.

6. (Previously Presented) The beam of claim 5, further comprising

an aperture in the central web having a height corresponding to the height of the second portion.

7. (Previously Presented) The beam of claim 5, wherein the first portion has a first section and a second section,

the first section having a greater height than the second section, the first section attached to the central web.

8. (Previously Presented) The beam of claim 7, wherein the first section is attached to the central web by rivets.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) The beam of claim 4, wherein the legs of the V-shape have the height where the legs are connected.

11. (Previously Presented) The beam of claim 5, wherein the V-shape has the first and second portions joined at a bend, the height of the first and second portions being equal to one another at the bend.